

# MISS THORNTON IDENTIFIES TWO ASSAILANTS.

Members of "Gas House"  
Gang Held for Attack on  
Wormser Maid.  
CAPTURED IN THE BARN.

Five Arrests Made at Scene  
of Assault After Police  
Ransack Precinct.

Two of the men under arrest for participating in the assault upon Annie Thornton, Wormser's servant, have been positively identified by the victim. Capt. Handy, of the West Sixty-eighth street police station, has information that will lead to the arrest of all the other men concerned in the outrage. Mr. Wormser has expressed a willingness to spend any amount of money to secure the conviction and imprisonment of the guilty persons.

This crime reveals that the gangs have not died out in New York. Capt. Handy says that the men who dragged Annie Thornton into the barn at No. 231 West Sixty-fourth street were members of the "Gas House" gang which has terrorized his precinct for years. There is little going on in the way of trouble between Fifty-ninth and Seventy-second streets and Amsterdam avenue and the North River that the "Gas House" gang is not mixed up in.

Similar Crimes Unsolved.  
Members of the gang, shooting at each other on the Bowery of July, killed Margaret Duffy in Sixty-third street, between Amsterdam and West End avenues. Crimes similar to that of which Annie Thornton was the victim have been committed by the gang, but never until this time have any of the members been positively identified.

Mr. Wormser, in whose household Annie Thornton has been employed for years, says that the work of the police in the case has been inefficient and persistent. He took a personal and active interest in the search for the brutes in human guise who had almost killed the girl, and Capt. Handy reported to him every day. But for a time it appeared that the gang had taken the alarm and fled.

"The assault," said Capt. Handy, "was committed last Friday night. The girl came into the station-house early on Saturday morning, so weak and dazed that she could scarcely speak. So serious was her condition that we were unable to do anything with her until Sunday. In the meantime she was treated by physicians at Mr. Wormser's house. He would not allow her to be sent to a hospital.

Found Scene of Crime.  
"Annie was extremely vague in her description of the stable into which she had been dragged. On Sunday we took her all over the precinct and showed her every stable in it. She picked out the stable at No. 231 West Sixty-fourth street as the scene of the crime. "There was no one in the stable. I waited there with four detectives all of Sunday night and no one appeared. We kept a watch all day Monday and all of Monday night up to 4 o'clock in the morning. I had not slept for forty-eight hours and was played out at that time, but the detectives kept on the job.

On Tuesday night we established another watch at the stable. Had detectives Lynch, Stover, Coleman, Cummings and Dixon with me. We expected a fight and were prepared for it. "Just when we had about given up hope, along came Lawrence Falk, of No. 26 West Sixty-eighth street, and William Nitzel, of No. 6 Amsterdam avenue, with three other men. We arrested the bunch and there was no resistance.

Two Positively Identified.

"The identification of Falk and Nitzel is complete. Before sending for Annie Thornton I went across the street from the station-house, where a building is in course of erection, and drafted about twenty laborers of different nationalities. They marched over to the station house and lined up in the squad room with all my plain clothes men and a few citizens I picked up off the street. I mixed the prisoners in with this bunch. "Annie Thornton came over and picked out Falk and Nitzel without any trouble. She was positive that they were the men who dragged her into the barn. About the other three she was not so sure. But I can assure the public that I will get every man implicated in the assault upon this girl, and that I will be punished for it.

From the confident demeanor of the Captain and his detectives it is believed that one of the men under arrest has made a confession. The missing members of the gang have fled up the Hudson River on New York Central freight trains.

Headquarters in Freight Yard.

The headquarters of the "Gas House" gang is in the freight yards north of Fifty-ninth street. The members are all young and agile, skilled in climbing on and off moving trains. Policemen find it hard to catch them once they get among the cars.

The Annie Thornton case has created a remarkable wave of interest in Manhattan and Brooklyn. It is recalled that an east side girl made accusations against policemen of the Fifth street station recently, and that while the case was being proved, the policemen were transferred. Mr. Wormser is of the opinion that the police force of this city can do no more important work than making the streets safe for women and girls at all hours of the night.

Legislator's Brother Killed.

JAMESTOWN, N. Y., Oct. 12.—William Wade, a brother of Assemblyman Arthur C. Wade, was killed at Cherry Creek last night. While walking past a new building a brick fell, crushing his skull. He was sixty-two years of age.

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## ASSAULTED GIRL, SCENE OF CRIME, AND CAPT. HANDY.



### YOUNG BRIDE'S ROMANCE ENDS IN HER DEATH

Quietly Wedded to Youth of Her Choice, She Succumbs to an Operation.

After a year of successful concealment, and just on the eve of the disclosure of the romance, Mrs. Seymour H. Francis, daughter-in-law of Mayor Aea Francis, of Long Branch, who has been known until today as Miss Edith Van Note, died suddenly of peritonitis at the Post-Graduate Hospital, in this city.

So carefully had the knowledge of the marriage of Miss Van Note and Seymour H. Francis, at Asbury Park last November, been kept by those in the secret, that Clarence G. Van Note, City Solicitor of Long Branch, knew nothing of his sister's wedding until after her death.

Miss Van Note was twenty years old. Seymour Francis, son of the Mayor of Long Branch, was one year her senior. They had been classmates in the Chautauque High School, and from the day of their graduation in 1904 they were devoted sweethearts.

Married Secretly.

Almost a year ago, with the consent of their parents, they slipped off to Asbury Park and were married. The understanding being that they were not to announce the fact, but to celebrate the wedding in public on the date of their first anniversary, when both would have attained their majority. In keeping with this arrangement, their announcement was recently announced and the wedding day set. Mrs. Francis and her husband, who has just attained his majority, came to this city the latter part of last week to purchase the trousseau for a contemplated wedding journey. On Friday while shopping in one of the large department stores Mrs. Francis was seized with severe pains. She was attended by a physician and went by his advice to the Post-Graduate Hospital. There an operation for appendicitis was performed.

Ended in Death.

Within a few hours blood-poisoning developed, and after four days of suffering Mrs. Francis died on Tuesday. Her mother and her husband were with her when she died. Her father and brother, and Dr. Harry E. Shaw, of Long Branch, the Van Note family physician, had been constantly with her up to a few hours before death.

Mrs. Francis was the daughter of Calvin Van Note, a wealthy coal dealer of Long Branch. Her husband is the only son of Mayor Francis, of Long Branch, and is bookkeeper for the Tinter Major Water Company. It was reported from Long Branch today that the young man is in this city "completely prostrated and in the care of friends."

At the Post-Graduate Hospital all information about the case was refused. All the hospital officials would say was that "a young woman registered as Mrs. Francis, of Long Branch, came to the hospital Friday and died Tuesday."

UNWRITTEN LAW SAVES SULSER.

Pennsylvania Grand Jury Refuses to Indict Man Who Shot Wife and Friend.

(Special to The Evening World.)

WILKES-BARRE, Oct. 12.—Evidently thinking he was justified, the Grand Jury at Tunkhannock this morning ignored the case against William Sulser, of this city, who shot his wife and William Vivian.

Sulser found the two in a house together and shot each twice and then sent a bullet into his own head. All recovered, but Sulser lost the sight of one eye. While the evidence that he did the shooting was clear and was not denied the Grand Jury refused to hold him.

### GREEN GOODS COME-ON WAS A DETECTIVE

Neat Trap Sprung on Swindlers by Duncan, Posing as Virginia Dupe.

William Gardner, alias Goodman, and Charles Barry, alias Brown, were arrested today by Detectives Duncan and McConville and Post-Office Inspector Doyle as they were trying to sell Duncan a bulging package of green goods. Duncan impersonated a "come-on," and the deception was complete.

G. W. Chenault, of Mount Hope, Ala., is responsible for the arrest. He got a green goods circular and gave it to his postmaster, who sent it to Washington, whence it was passed on to Commissioner McConville and Duncan were assigned to the case.

Duncan went to Danville, Va., and sent a telegram from there yesterday afternoon to an address that had been sent to Chenault. The detective, posing as Chenault, wired that he would be in New York at 1 o'clock today. He went to the Astor House and, although it was early the green goods men were on the job.

Barry slipped him to a room in a rear tenement at No. 153 Park Row, where they found Gardner with a green goods and a package containing \$1,800 in real money.

McConville and Doyle trailed Duncan and the guide and as the swindlers were about to be switched Duncan pulled his gun and gave the signal. His companions bounded into the room and the two other wide green goods men took the route for the Tomb.

Olen Nethersole, the actress, was a passenger on the steamship Deutschland, which arrived today from Hamburg, this being her first visit here in three years. She brought twenty-nine trunks. Miss Nethersole will open her season in Washington in "A Case of Divorcement."

Last night Miss Nethersole took up a collection on the steamship for German sick and disabled seamen, the passengers dropping \$350 into a hat she passed around.

Other passengers on the Deutschland were Mrs. John Wamamaker and her son and Capt. S. von Dinsten, of the German navy. The latter is on his way to Japan.

MAN'S CONFESSION SURPRISES FIRM.

Surrenders Himself in Chicago Declaring He Robbed Employers in Rochester.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Oct. 12.—Louis Davis, of this city, who surrendered to the Chicago police yesterday and confessed that he had embezzled several hundred dollars from his employers, Askins & Marple, clothing manufacturers, of this city, has been absent from Rochester about four months.

There is something strange in the story, for Samuel Askins, senior member of the firm, says he knows of no embezzlement on the part of Davis and is reluctant to believe the man guilty. Davis, who is an old and trusted employee, was supposed by the firm to be traveling in the South.

### GIRL'S BITE MEANS DEATH; STOP KISSING

Scientist's Warning Makes Wesleyan College Girls Very Indignant.

(Special to The Evening World.)  
MIDDLETOWN, Conn., Oct. 12.—Prof. W. D. Miller, of the University of Berlin, has gone Prof. Fournier one better. The German gave lecturing at Wesleyan University yesterday said that pretty girls are worse than mad dogs, and that peridious as kisses may be, the bite of a beautiful young woman is nothing less than sure death.

"Therefore," says Prof. Miller, "never kiss a woman."

When the students went home and told the Middletown girls all about it, the dear things said they didn't know what they had done to the "old Dutch frump" that he should treat them so badly. But women never did have the scientific mind.

The Middletown lassies have felt themselves distinctly unpopular ever since the great French specialist pronounced his anathema upon the kiss on the ground that it was the most efficient agent for the spread of tuberculosis. They took heart again upon reading the comforting opinions vouchsafed by the various American authorities on the subject.

Then, to nip happiness in the very bud, came the German scientist and dared them to kiss at their peril. In substance Dr. Miller said:

"Why, dear young gentlemen, I have chemically examined the mouths of the most beautiful women of Germany, England and France, and the results of my investigations would fill you with horror could I make them known to you."

"My dear young friends, forbear to kiss or to be kissed."

This astounding news was enough to turn the lovely dormitories into a veritable cloister. Each man sought his room and stuck there like a monk in his cell, fearful lest he should be attacked by some beautiful female and kissed to his death.

The bells of Middletown are waiting to ring the professor.

GOULD CHAUFFEUR FINED.  
Alexander Mallet, chauffeur for Frank Gould, who was arrested on April 30, for speeding his automobile in West Fifty-seventh street, was fined \$25 by Justice Olinsted in Special Sessions today.

## BLACK HAND'S VICTIM DIDN'T PAY \$1,000

Wealthy Butcher Shot Dead in His Shop by Four Masked Assassins.

### SLAYERS FLEE IN BOAT.

Victim Received Many Threatening Letters, Which Are in His Safe.

Detective-Sergeant Petrosini, in charge of the branch detective bureau looking after crimes committed by Italians in Manhattan, and Detective-Sergeant Vachris, in charge of the office maintained for the same purpose in Brooklyn, are working together to-day to run down the murderers of Gaetano Costa, a wealthy Italian, who was shot to death last night in his butcher shop, at No. 561 Fourth avenue, Brooklyn, by Black and.

The detectives discovered without trouble that Costa had been receiving letters from the Black Hand organization for months and that all of these letters threatened destruction of his property and death to him unless money was paid to agents of the organization.

First Letter Demands \$5.

Costa told of the first letter received by him and repeated its contents to one of his neighbors. This letter, as the neighbor remembers it, read: "Our Dear Friend—Take a Hamilton avenue car, then a Hamilton Ferry to New York. Then take a Ninth avenue car until our friend will ask you for a chew of tobacco. Then give our friend \$5. If you fail to do so, we will blow up your house and burn you to death."

This letter was not signed and at the time it caused Costa no fear. He believed it was the work of a crank or a joker.

Then other missives came. Each one made a demand for increased sums of money and each was more threatening than the last. The letters were received almost weekly, when one day a man who said he was a book agent entered Costa's butcher shop. The man showed Costa his books and then said in Italian:

"You look bad. Is any one ill? Are you ill?"

Costa answered that he was not ill and that his wife and children were well.

Stranger Offers Protection.

"Then you have been receiving threats from the Black Hand," the man continued. "If they try to hurt you while I am here I will protect you. I will take off my shoes and beat them."

Costa believed the man was an agent for the Black Hand and would have nothing to do with him. He told several of his neighbors of the man's visit and described him. This description the police now have.

It is believed by the police that all the Black Hand letters were put in Costa's safe. This safe will be opened today by a young woman who was formerly in Costa's employ and who knows the combination.

The detectives are of the opinion that the same men who figured in the kidnapping of Tony Mannino and Tony Marenchino, are the men who shot Costa to death. The detectives say the murder was not for robbery. When Costa was found there was a roll of \$20 in his pocket. Money was not taken from the cash drawer, as could easily have been done had the men been bent on robbery.

## LOYOLA'S 13TH TO BE THEIR BEST

Yorkville's Famous Organization Will Have Noted Men Among Their Guests to See "A Scrap of Paper."

The Loyola Union, of St. Ignace de Loyola Church, and one of the largest and best known of the Catholic clubs of New York, will hold its thirteenth annual entertainment and reception at the Lexington Opera-House, Fifty-fifth street near Third avenue, on Oct. 25. Like at all previous social events of this well-known organization, the elite of the Yorkville and Harlem sections of the city will attend and help the Loyola make this, as they have planned, the most successful event in the union's history.

The entertainment will be by the members of the club, assisted by their fair friends, and will consist of an elaborate production of the comedy "A Scrap of Paper." This piece was made famous by Lester Wallack. Of late years New Yorkers have been treated to occasional productions of it, notably by Mr. and Mrs. Kendal, but the play has been seldom seen, hence the Loyola's extra effort to present it in an exceptional form.

Loyola's Dramatic Society ranks high among the best in this city. After the show dancing will be enjoyed. Among the prominent persons who will attend are Justices Fitzgerald, Blanchard and Dugan, of the Supreme Court; Francis Burton Harrison, George Farbach, Robert F. Wagner, George A. Burrell and Patrick Francis McGowan.

On the committee in charge are Henry W. Boyce, John J. Barry, Henry L. Davis, James E. Patterson, Edward H. Kelly, Timothy A. O'Sullivan, Michael Cosgrove, John E. Rooney and David A. Morrissey.

THUGS' VICTIM DEAD.

CHICAGO, Oct. 12.—Patrick McGarry, a wealthy manufacturer, who was assaulted by thugs and left in the street, where he was struck by the fender of a car, died today. He did not regain consciousness.

## MRS. GAETANO COSTA AND CHILDREN.



### OPIE READ HELD UP ON ELLIS ISLAND

Tried to Enter United States from Chicago Wearing a Silk Hat.

Opie Read, Homer Carr, Richard Henry Little and about two hundred other immigrants from Chicago were passed through Ellis Island to-day through scandalous violation of the immigration laws, one of the newly landed being able to produce only seven cents as a show-down.

The immigrants within our gates are visiting members of the Chicago Press Club, and their being said into the United States through the main gate was part of the entertainment prepared for them by the New York Press Club.

Opie Read, connoisseur of literature and Kentucky gleam dispenser, was caught trying to enter the United States in a silk hat and was haled before a board, composed of Inspectors Smiley, Green and Weiss.

Inspector Smiley Cross-Examined.

Q. Can you read and write? A. Yes. Read for amusement and write for a living.

Q. Who paid your passage? A. Don't know. Don't think it's paid yet.

Q. Were you ever in the United States before? A. Never was out of the United States but once, and that was in 1901, when Tennessee went out of the Union.

Q. How much money have you? A. Forty cents, I think; don't think I have that much (shows eight cents).

Q. What do you expect to do in the United States to maintain yourself? A. I expect to lecture throughout the South.

Q. Have you any contract to that effect? A. Yes, but I think it has been broken.

Mr. Weiss: The guests were given luncheon by Commissioner Wadsworth, after which they returned to the Hotel Breslin.

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"How about this, Herman?" asked the Magistrate.

"That woman throws cold showers at me. Willing to pay \$3 a week to get rid of her."

"Eight dollars," repeated the Court, "wearing it down on the necessary disbursements. But Herman was too quick for himself."

"Yes, even \$10 a week would I give to get her out of my life," he cried, passionately.

Magistrate Baker scratched out his original entry and gave Herman the advantage of a higher rate. He had spoken too soon.

### VAIN SEARCH FOR HAMILTON ON THE BALTIC

If the Insurance Lawyer Arrived on the Vessel He Kept Under Cover.

If "Judge" Andy Hamilton, legislative expert and confidential man for the New York Life, was on board the Baltic, which arrived to-day, he proved himself extremely careful in dodging a host of process servers who were looking for him in the interest of Mr. Hughes and the Legislative Committee.

The "Judge" retained statement No. 113 under his own name for himself and Mrs. Hamilton, and was seen No. 106 for the Hamilton maid. Their names and numbers were called to this side just before the steamer sailed, and correspondents reported the sailing of the insurance lawyer on the Baltic Oct. 4.

When the gangplank was lowered to-day at the White Star Line pier the group looking for the "Judge" was conspicuous by its numbers and enthusiasm.

The "Judge" (the registered as Justice) did not appear, and an inquiry on board elicited the information that at the last moment he had received a telegram stating that they were the Hamilton party. The myxerous passengers disappeared as soon as the Baltic reached her pier.

## HUSBAND WAS TOO PREVIOUS

Could Have Contributed Only \$8 Weekly to Support of Wife If He Hadn't Said He'd Willingly Give \$10.

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THE SCIENTIFIC FOOD

"There's a Reason."

## FATHER FORCED GIRL TO MARRY, SHE DECLARES

Young Bride United by Alderman Seeks Annulment of Marriage.

The story of Anna Tartagala Ullano, told to Justice Vernon M. Davis, in the Supreme Court, under the questioning of ex-Assistant District-Attorney Astarita and through an interpreter, was like those found in lurid novels. The young woman wanted her marriage to Antonio Ullano annulled on the ground that she had been forced into the ceremony, and also on the ground that the tying of the nuptial knot before an Alderman in the basement of the City Hall was only an engagement.

"My father and Tony Ullano were in a conspiracy to make me marry Tony," said the young woman. "My father threatened to stab me to the heart if I did not come and be engaged to Tony. He said I need not marry him, only promise to and when my mother came from Italy I would be married at church. He said Tony was rich, and I would always have an easy time as Mrs. Ullano."

"I did not love Tony, and I did not want to marry him. My father beat me over and over again to make me marry Tony Ullano, but I always told him I would only marry the man of my choice. They took me to the City Hall, they said to be engaged to Tony. My father and Tony told me to answer 'Yes' to any questions asked me and say nothing else."

"When I got back home I found the house full of guests to celebrate my wedding. I was realizing that I had been cheated into marriage, I broke loose and ran away. I have never lived with Tony Ullano, and I never will, for I don't love him."

Anna's brother, Nicholas Tartagala, corroborated her story.

"Where is their father?" demanded Justice Davis. Mr. Astarita said he was in town and could be produced.

Bringing the Alderman who performed this marriage before me next Wednesday," commanded the Court, and then the Justice made a memorandum for District-Attorney Jenome.

## WILD WITH ITCHING SCALP

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